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STATEMENT
of the ownership, management, etc., of THE MONTGOMERY, published every Thursday at Collegeville, Pa., required by Act of Congress of August 14, 1912:
Owner, Editor, Managing Editor, Business Manager and Publisher, R. S. Moser.
E. S. MOSER.
Affirmed to be true this ninth day of February, 1918.
(SEAL) F. W. SCHMIDT, N. P.
My commission expires May 29, 1921.

ABOUT TOWN NOTES.
Mrs. Fannie Fetterolf, of Philadelphia, was in town on Tuesday.
Mrs. Nevin Renninger visited her parents in Schwenksville on Tuesday.
Mr. Addison Gotschall, of Camp Meade, Md., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gotschall, over the week end.
Mrs. Frank Gristock and Miss Bertha Gristock visited relatives in Philadelphia on Thursday.
Mr. Frank Undercuffler and son, Russell, spent Thursday at the home of Mr. Norman Detwiler, of Ironbridge.
Mr. and Mrs. John Umstead, of Oaks, were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Essig.
Mr. Harry Halteman spent Sunday as the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Halteman, of Worcester.
A number of young folks from this borough enjoyed a sleighing party to Norristown on Thursday night.
Miss Alma Bechtel attended a dance at the Lulu Temple, Philadelphia, Thursday evening.
Mr. Wellington Wetzel, of Philadelphia, spent the week end with relatives in town.
Mrs. E. E. Conway visited relatives in Conshohocken on Thursday.
Mr. J. B. Van Osten, of Philadelphia, spent the week end at his bungalow along the Perkiomen.
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Howard, of Norristown, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Schwager.
Mr. Harry Halteman is now employed at the Collegeville Flag Company.
Mr. Isaac Hatfield and Mr. William McAllister visited friends in Emmaus on Sunday.
Miss Kathryn Miller, of Philadelphia, was the Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Miller.
Mr. John Bomberger, of Norristown, was in town on Monday.
Mr. Horace Walt spent Friday in Philadelphia.
Misses Lydia and Catherine Halteman are confined to their home with the measles.
Miss Elizabeth Seasholtz, of Red Hill, was a guest of Dr. and Mrs. S. D. Cornish, Monday.
Rev. Reuben Snyder, of Schwenksville, was a visitor in town on Monday.
Miss Elizabeth Kratz visited Mrs. John Harley, of Trappe, on Friday.
Mrs. Frank Undercuffler spent Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter B. Frank, of Fairview Village.
Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Grimley, Jr., of Jeffersonville, and Mrs. Oliver Grimley.
Mr. Herman Benning, Jr., of Camp Meade, Md., was home over the week end.
Miss Florence Walt spent the week end with friends in Philadelphia.
Miss Lulu Sacks spent Tuesday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Sacks, of Zieglerville.
Mrs. John Schmid was a visitor in Philadelphia on Thursday and Friday.
Mr. W. D. Renninger and Mr. Nevin Renninger spent Tuesday with relatives in Pensburg.
Miss Ruth Walt, of Philadelphia, was home over the week end.
Mrs. Sterling Light, of Baltimore, spent several days of the past week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gristock.
Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Sacks, of Zieglerville, and Mrs. Leroy Parker, of Norristown, were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. S. D. Cornish, Wednesday.
Mrs. William McAllister was in Pottstown on Thursday.
Mr. George Barrett, of Philadelphia, was the week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Miller.
Mr. Guillem Clamer, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Clamer.
Miss Margaret Miller underwent an operation for adenoids at Charity Hospital, Norristown, on Monday.
Miss Florence Schuren, of Trenton, N. J., spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Schuren.
The Woman's Auxiliary No. 3, of Rivercrest, held a meeting at the home of Mrs. F. J. Clamer. The officers elected for the year are: President, Mrs. F. J. Clamer; vice president, Mrs. Fegely; secretary, Mrs. Frank Gristock; financial secretary, Mrs. G. F. Clamer; treasurer, Mrs. Horace Rimby.
Mr. and Mrs. John Freed visited relatives in Phoenixville on Sunday.
Mrs. Emma Prizer, of Black Rock, was in town on Monday.
Mrs. William Daub has been on the sick list during the past week.

THE DEATH ROLL.
Mary A., wife of Reese P. Lewis, of Fairview Village, died on Friday, aged 64 years. The husband and eleven children survive. Funeral on Wednesday; all services in Lower Providence Presbyterian church at 1.30. Interment in adjoining cemetery; undertaker, J. L. Bechtel.
Mrs. Anna Gehman died at the home of her son, David Gehman, Ironbridge, on Thursday of last week, aged 88 years, 10 months and 15 days. Three sons and one daughter survive—David, Abraham and Henry Gehman and Mrs. Mary Hoffman. Funeral services on Wednesday evening at 7.30 at the home of her son, David. Further services at Bally Mennonite church on Thursday at 10 a. m. Interment in adjoining cemetery; undertaker, C. M. Pool.

ALL INVITED TO FOUNDERS' DAY AT URSINUS COLLEGE.
The directors and faculty of Ursinus College cordially invite the editor of the Independent and all his readers to the public exercises of Founders' day on this (Thursday) afternoon at three o'clock. The address will be delivered by one of Pennsylvania's scholarly and eminent educators, the Rev. John A. W. Haas, D. D., LL. D., president of Muhlenberg College. It is hoped that the College may have the company of its neighbors on this occasion.
GEO. LESLIE OMWAKE, President.

THE WOOL FUND.
A number of responses have been made to the appeal in last week's Independent for money for the purchase of wool for the lasses of Collegeville and vicinity to knit into squares for robes for convalescent soldiers. The appeal was not quite as detailed as it should have been. It was and is intended for all who may feel willing to give in small sums ranging from a dime to a dollar or more, so that no one need hesitate to donate small sums. Dimes and quarters make dollars and dollars will purchase a lot of wool. Contributions for this wool fund will be received until Monday evening of next week. Chip in without delay. Up to this writing the following contributions have been made and the money will be handed to Mrs. J. T. Ebert, treasurer of the Red Cross of Collegeville: J. T. Ebert, \$5; E. S. Moser, \$2; Mrs. W. D. Renninger, \$1; and \$1 each from two contributors, and \$1.25 from another, who request that their names do not appear. Total, \$11.25.

JURORS FOR MARCH TERM OF COURT.
Following are among the jurors drawn for the March term at criminal and civil court, Norristown:
Grand Jurors:—Benjamin Brownback, Trappe; Daniel W. Schrack, Upper Providence.
Petit Jurors:—George Evans, Pottstown; John U. Isett, Royersford; Joseph H. Johnson, Royersford; Horace A. Moser, Upper Providence; Irwin Shelly, Royersford.
Traverse Jurors:—Harry Bare, Upper Providence; Frank S. Boyer, Frederick; Peter V. Coleholder, Upper Providence; Roger D. Gotwals, Lower Providence; Harry G. Hittner, Pottstown; Raymond Mayberry, Red Hill; Ralph Miller, Collegeville; George R. Tyson, Frederick; Harry R. Thomas, Upper Providence; J. Warren Anderson, Limerick; Amos T. Copenhafer, Perkiomen; A. B. Dettra, Upper Providence; Latta B. Fryer, Frederick; Davis R. Lower, Upper Providence; Isaac A. Moser, Schwenksville; John W. Richard, Skippack; David Miller, Lower Providence; Wilson Umstead, Royersford.

C. E. Society of Ironbridge.
The regular weekly meeting of the Ironbridge Christian Endeavor Society was held Sunday evening with a good attendance; the meeting was conducted in a very willing manner by all the members. The society was favored by a vocal duet by Messrs. Beers and May. The topic of the meeting: "What My Church Stands For," was led by Mr. Philip May and this week's topic: "What My Church is doing," will be led by Mr. Leiphart. There will be a social given by the society on Saturday evening in the chapel; everybody cordially invited to attend and share in the good time. On March 23 there will be a play given for the benefit of the improvement of the chapel, entitled "The Farm Folks." Don't forget this date.

Milk Watering in Phoenixville.
The Town Council of Phoenixville has requested the Board of Health to investigate the official activities of its milk and meat inspector, Dr. E. M. Massinger.
This action is a sequel to the arrest of Herman Neuman, a wealthy business man, who owns a farm near the town. Neuman pleaded guilty before Judge C. H. Howell to watering milk. Neuman's arrest was brought about by R. M. Simmers, State pure food agent, and the critics of Massinger believe that he, and not the State agent, should have discovered Neuman's milk adulteration.

Family Escaped Asphyxiation.
Sunday morning when Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bortz, of Collegeville, awakened, both felt very much affected with headache. Their children had the same experience. Upon investigation, Mr. Bortz found that an accumulation of gas in the cellar heater had forced the fire door of the heater open, thus permitting the gas to escape and reach the upper rooms of the house.

Notice to Farmers.
I have secured help to enable me to promptly repair all kinds of harness. Send in your work now. Don't postpone doing so until the farming season opens.
L. H. INGRAM.

Engagement Announced.
Mrs. Pauline Friese, of Reading, Pa., announces the engagement of her daughter Emma Charlotte Friese, of Norristown, to Mr. Edward Hirsch, of Norristown. The wedding will take place in June at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Schatz in Reading.
William Brown, of Elverson, suffered a fractured foot when a heavy mass of iron fell on it.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, ss.
I, Frank J. Cheney, make oath that I am senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Medicine.
Sworn to before me and subscribed in presence of this 6th day of December, A. D. 1896.
A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.
Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally, and acts through the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials free.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by all Druggists, 75c.
Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE AT TRAPPE NEXT WEEK.
The sessions of the Farmers' Institute in Keystone Grange Hall, Trappe, on Wednesday and Thursday of next week, February 20 and 21, promise to be replete with informative interest and enjoyable entertainment to the many farmers, and all interested in agricultural affairs, in this section of the county. That farmers and others will avail themselves of the opportunity to add to their store of agricultural knowledge cannot be doubted. Following is a resume of the program for the various sessions:
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20—7.30 p. m.: Music; prayer, Rev. W. O. Fegely; Address of Welcome, Captain H. H. Fetterolf, of Collegeville; Building of the Dairy Herd for Profit, D. H. Watts, Kermor, Pa.; Poultry as the Farmer Can Handle It, Theo. Wittman, Allentown, Pa.; Natural Ways of Maintaining Soil Fertility, Prof. Franklin Menges, York, Pa.;
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21—7.30 p. m.: Questions from Question Box; The Farmer as a Patriot in Peace and War, Rev. W. O. Fegely, Trappe, Pa.; Up-to-date Ways and Methods that Make Poultry Pay, Theo. Wittman, Allentown, Pa.; Apple and Pear Culture, D. H. Watts, Kermor, Pa.; Recitation, Ernest Stearly; Soil Preparation for Large Crop Yields, Prof. Franklin Menges, York, Pa.; Selection, Grange Quartet.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21—9.15 a. m.: Prayer, Rev. S. L. Messinger, D. D.; Questions; Methods of Introducing Clover Into Rotations, Prof. Menges; Seed Potatoes and Preparation of Seed Bed, Ira C. Cheerington, Catawissa, Pa.; The Soil and Plant Growth, Mr. Watts.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21—1.30 p. m.: Questions; Music; Poultry Hatching and Rearing, Mr. Wittman; Economy in Crop Production, Prof. Menges; Potato Insects and Diseases and Their Control, Mr. Cheerington; Economic Feeding of the Herd, Mr. Watts.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21—7.30 p. m.: Questions; Music; Agricultural Education, Prof. Menges; Violin selection, Norman Schrack; Food Conservation, George Leslie Omwake, Ed. D. Schell; Patriotic selection, School Children; Rural Community Building, Mr. Watts; Star Spangled Banner, the Audience.
Committee of Arrangements—Burd P. Evans, chairman; Mrs. Burd P. Evans, Mrs. H. S. Shainline, Mrs. James A. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Garber, Mr. C. V. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Gotwals, Mr. D. W. Favinger, Rev. W. O. Fegely, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hunsicker, Mr. Harvey Moser.
Committee on Questions—Messrs. H. S. Shainline, C. V. Garber, Wayne H. Pearson, Committee on Music—Mr. O. Stevens, Miss Cynthia Messinger, Mr. Lees Yeager. County Board of Managers—J. H. Shultz, Norristown; Frank K. Schultz, East Greenview; Captain H. H. Fetterolf, Collegeville.

PROTECTOR WATCHMAN KILLED BY THREE BOYS.
In attempting to escape from the Philadelphia hotel, the watchman, three boys brutally murdered Patrick McGroarty, the watchman, sixty years old, Sunday night.
The boys hidden in the clothes room of the institution were captured and taken to Norristown, and committed to jail by Magistrate Clark to await the result of the coroner's investigation.
The boys are Daniel Donohue, fifteen years old, son of Mrs. Mary Donohue, Phoenixville; William Sexton, who will be sixteen years next Sunday and lived in this city, fifteen years old, son of Thomas Kelly, Philadelphia.
The boys planned to escape from the institution last Thursday night, according to a confession said to have been made after they were arrested. It was heard that night that Kelly, who is the smallest of the trio, was to leave his dormitory. When the watchman went to look for him the other boys were to jump upon the watchman and take his keys. This plan failed when Kelly overstepped himself. The same plan was repeated and resulted in murder. McGroarty, the watchman, went to find out what delayed Kelly, and as he opened the bathroom door he was pounced upon by the two other boys, who lay in wait. They slipped a blackjack out of his pocket and hit him on the head. Several teeth were knocked out and his face was gashed. They gagged him with his handkerchief and his necktie, and then took the keys of the institution from him, but before they could get away Brother O'Connell, who had been awakened by Burns, another inmate, who heard the noise, rushed to the scene, and detected the young murderers.
The boys intended to go to Phoenixville to rob a delicatessen store, and then go to Pottstown. They had a store in Pottstown marked where they intended to rob the store, and they then proceeded to Reading to keep under cover.
Brother Joseph, in charge of the institution, stated Monday that last week he went to Philadelphia in an effort to have the authorities send the boys to the Reformatory for Delinquents. He said the boys were too wild to be kept at the Protector. He says that the authorities refused to transfer the boys.

FARM LOAN ASSOCIATION.
The Montgomery County National Farm Loan Association was recently formed at Norristown. The purpose of the organization is to take advantage of the provisions of the Federal Farm Loan Act passed by Congress in June 1916. Under the provisions of this act any farm owner or prospective farm owner may secure long time loans either for the purpose of purchasing farm property, for improving property already owned, for the purchase of livestock, needed equipment or even seeds and fertilizers.
The terms of the Act are very liberal and are intended to make it possible for the farmer to put his business on a sound financial basis. The strong feature of co-operation that is the foundation of the National Farm Loan Association should be an attraction to prospective borrowers. Any one desiring further information should call on or write to the Farm Bureau office, Penn Trust Building, Norristown, Pa., where the present office of the Association is located.

WHY NOT USE THE SCHUYLKILL CANAL.
The citizens and business interests of all the towns of the Schuylkill valley are awakening to the importance of again utilizing the old Schuylkill canal for the transportation of coal from mining regions of the State, as was the custom for many years. Meetings, during the last week were held in the beautiful city of our cities, whether or not it would not be wiser to use this money for the re-opening of the canal, which has the advantages of the re-opening of the canal, under favorable conditions, are to be set forth, and signatures requested to a petition that is to be laid before the President, through the Secretary McCado, which will ask that the government bring about the re-establishment of freight carrying over the waters of the canal and thus give material aid to the transportation conditions.

BELL ESTATE VALUED AT \$631,727.
James Bell, late of Lower Merion, head of the Bell Grocery Stores, left an estate of \$631,727.70, according to an adjudication handed down recently by Judge William F. Solly, of the Orphans' Court. One of the most interesting features of the audit was the revelation of the manner in which the Bell Company was absorbed by the American Stores Company, which now conducts all the branches of the concern. A human-interest touch is given by the development during the audit of the fact that a former employee of the Bell Company, which shows clearly the humanitarian manner in which Mr. Bell looked upon his servants. The decedent's verbal agreement with the employee was sustained by Judge Solly, so that a woman injured while working for the concern will receive a pension of \$10 a week for the balance of her life. The Court sets aside a fund of \$5000 for the purpose of maintaining this fund and suggests that it be invested in 4 per cent. Liberty bonds. In addition the beneficiary, Elizabeth McNeill, receives \$5000, less collateral inheritance tax, under the will of the testator.

WORDS OF APPRECIATION FROM MR. LANE.
Having had the opportunity afforded by a world-wide war and a prolonged winter of the greatest pressure to realize what it means to exist (almost) without the requisites of life, I take great pleasure in speaking in congratulatory terms of the efficient generalship of the merchants within the confines of Collegeville and of those merchants residing near by for the honorable and masterly distribution of the commodities, necessary to life, which came to them in scanty bulk owing to our somewhat isolation. Certainly no man or body of men could have handled these distressed conditions with greater efficiency, and for fuel is one of the greatest essentials to the comfort of man (especially when winter with emphasized fury flings its icy mantle over the land) I specifically have in mind the untiring and heroic efforts of our coal merchants to combat with that difficult problem which they have thus far done in a way most befitting.

TONING IT DOWN.
Mother—Joan, dear, have you been doing anything to this ink? Joan—Yes, mummy, I put some water in it to make it write weak. I've been writing a letter to daddy and I wanted to whisper something to him.—London Piping Show.

TUSCANIA TORPEDOED BY GERMAN SUBMARINE—2,235 PERSONS SAVED—166 MISSING.
The Cunard liner Tuscania carrying in addition to its crew 2179 American soldiers, was torpedoed Wednesday night of last week by a German submarine off the Irish coast. First accounts of the disaster indicated a loss of 1000. The latest advices from London are that 2,235 persons were saved and 166 are missing.
The condition of some of the survivors on being landed was pitiable. Many had cast aside all their clothes and had been swimming about for two hours before being rescued. One of the men, who swam for two hours before he was rescued, jokingly said he had enough swimming to satisfy him for the rest of his life. Three men from the Tuscania died from exposure in one boat. Though attended by convicts the German assassins contrived and found a way to drive the missile of death from the submarine into the Tuscania. In large part, the soldiers accepted the desperate situation with comparative coolness, and this heroic condition of mind had much to do in utilizing means of escape and saving many lives.
There were 117 American officers and 2,090 enlisted men on board the Tuscania.
The bodies of 126 American troops have been recovered.

RUDOLPH BLANKENBURG A PATRIOT.
Rudolph Blankenburg, former Mayor of Philadelphia, in defense of an organization known as the Friends of German Democracy says that a sufficient answer to the suggestions that the organization referred to is a subtle form of Prussian propaganda, "is that if I, or anyone connected with the movement, should be found in any part of Germany spreading our propaganda, we would be arrested, tried, convicted and would have to face a firing squad in short order. Prussianism, Junkerism, militarism, are the inveterate foes of all liberal and liberalizing tendencies; they should be thwarted in every legitimate way and the Friends of German Democracy should be heartily supported by America and Americans. Nothing in this world would induce me to join in any movement that was legitimately subject to even the faintest suspicion of disloyalty to the country of my adoption. In joining this movement, I had in mind President Wilson's repeated distinction between the German Government and the German people. The former I want to help to destroy, the latter to emancipate from a detestable yoke. Let me say that all the men who have approached me on this subject and discussed with me the aims and purposes of the society are moved by the single desire of helping win the war and create on a firm basis a world-democracy that will insure and establish popular rights against personal privilege, democracy against autocracy, and will forever make impossible the present rule of an individual subject to a chronic state of anarchy, the cause of all our ills. He is the appointed, by the grace of God."

RUSSIAN WITHDRAWAL NO NEW PERIL.
Washington, D. C., Feb. 12.—With the opening of the great conflict of 1918 on the western front apparently about May 25th, the Department of State today with profound interest the situation created by the signing of a peace treaty between the Central Powers and the new Ukraine Republic and the decision of the Bolshevik Russian Government to stop fighting and demobilize the army.
His words were not discouraging. These events on their face would appear to set free enormous German forces for the impending battle in the west and also furnish new sources of food supply for the Teutonic allies, but many factors enter into the situation. In addition to the fact that the great majority of the soldiers captured by the Russians are Austrians, not available for western-front operations by present indications. Most of the others are civilians or camp followers of one kind or another, and so far as known, only a small number of German troops were captured on that front. Any men from the prison camps are regarded as of doubtful military value for some time to come, as the Russians, unable to feed their own soldiers, hardly have improved the health of captives. The general opinion here is that Germany would be more interested in keeping the prisoners in Russia rather than risk having them carry Bolshevik doctrines back to Germany.
There is doubt here, also, as to the extent to which the agricultural resources of the Ukraine or of Russia can be brought to the aid of the German people in the near future. Failure of the Russian transportation system worked in Germany's interest in undermining the fighting power of the Russian armies. The same agency now, necessarily, works against the Central Powers in its desire to get out food supplies. Moreover, the best wheat regions which may be opened to the Germans are in a remote section of the Ukraine, and in such poor condition that the agricultural system may have to be made over—a difficult process with the confusion that prevails throughout the region.

LIFE IN A WOODS CAMP.
Would you like to spend six weeks in a woods camp this spring, with good food and plenty of it, good wages, and pleasant work? If so, the Department of Forestry wants you. To overcome the four gentlemen present who will entertain by singing popular songs. Members of the other local improvement associations have been invited. Vocal selections will be rendered by ladies of the Association. A large attendance is expected. The public is cordially invited.

DOG SAVED DYING WOMAN.
Bath, Pa., Feb. 7.—Mrs. Elizabeth George, a widow, 87 years old, living alone at Moorestown, fell from a chair, was saved from bleeding to death by her dog, which summoned help.
Mrs. George fell on the cellar steps, and in trying to get up, fell again, tearing away the skin and flesh to the bone on the right half of her forehead, almost to the right ear.
A five-inch and a two-inch gash were cut on her head. She was bleeding profusely, and her dog, seeing the critical situation, ran to the door, placed his paw on the latch and opened it. He ran to the barn, where a neighbor, Erwin Burkhardt, was working. The dog jumped up at him, barked loudly and pulled at his clothes.
Burkhardt suspected that something serious had happened, and followed the dog to the house. There he found Mrs. George unconscious, on the kitchen floor.
A physician was summoned in a few minutes and he succeeded in stopping the bleeding and saving the aged woman's life. Nell, the dog, is now a heroine in the eyes of all the neighbors.

COUNTY AND STATE ITEMS.
The Graterford Red Cross realized \$100 from a waffle and chicken supper.
Horace Witmer, of Finland, was seriously injured when his horse ran away.
Ice 30 inches thick, the thickest ever known there, was harvested at Zieglerville.
Struck by a "filler" at a Phoenixville iron mill, Joseph Devlin suffered a fracture of a jaw in two places.
There are more inmates in the Montgomery County Home than at any previous time in its history, due to the severe winter.
Burns received when her clothing took fire caused the death of Mrs. Sarah S. Stultz, aged 81, of Pottsville, who is survived by 11 children.
While preparing breakfast, Mrs. John Boyer, of Stow, fell dead beside the kitchen range from heart disease.
Nearly a carload of groceries was stolen from a freight yard at Phoenixville.
The Perkiomen Fish and Game Association, of Red Hill, has been seeking and sheltering game birds.
Plans are about completed for the erection of a fountain that was given to Phoenixville by the will of Anthony P. Shimer.
W. G. Hower, sealer of weights and measures, has called the Montgomery County Fuel Commission's attention to short-weight practices of dealers selling small quantities of coal.
A service flag representing 107 young men under the colors, with a huge star in the center, was raised in front of the Royersford post office.
Spring City and Royersford Lutheran churches will make a drive for a \$750 war fund.
Charles Lindner's horse ran away at Zieglerville and upset the wagon; it was stopped by a wire fence, which cut his legs badly.
J. A. Buckwalter, Burgess of Royersford, gave the soldiers departing for Camp Meade baskets of candy and fruit.

BOY SCOUTS CELEBRATE EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY.
At no time in all the world's history have boys—just boys—had such an opportunity as they now have for helping their country. Never before were boys asked by their government to do such big things for it as have the Boy Scouts of America.
During the past year the Boy Scouts all over the United States have helped their country with these big tasks:
Planted garden and grew crops.
In the Liberty Loan campaigns they sold \$123,000,000 worth of bonds.
Helped the Red Cross and other War Work Committees.
Acted as dispatch bearers for the Committee on Public Information, distributing millions of copies of Government literature.
To carry on this work of the Boy Scouts of America as urged by President Wilson, a campaign has been inaugurated for men to lead the Boy Scouts and for money to carry the Scout Movement to boys that have not as yet been reached.
The President says that all men in the country were not able to go to the front should take up this patriotic work.
The National Council of the Boy Scouts of America has decided to make this call, and the days of February 8 to 12 will see under way a vigorous nationwide campaign for \$200,000 a year for three years and a Scout Leaders Reserve Corps of 100,000 men.
In Delaware and Montgomery counties there are 93 Boy Scout troops, with a membership of over 2100 Scouts. The work is under the supervision of the Delaware and Montgomery Counties Council, of which Edward D. Shaw is the Scout Executive.
The Council is making an appeal to patriotic citizens to support this great Boy Movement. The funds received will be used for the National Council extension program and for the benefit of any local troop as may be designated by the contributor. Contributions can be forwarded to the County Headquarters at 1033 Real Estate Trust Bldg., Philadelphia, or be given to the Scout Master of any Troop in the counties.
Men who cannot go to the front but want to serve their country in a patriotic way and would like to become leaders of Boy Scout troops should communicate at once with County Headquarters.

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ALL may well feel thankful that more lives were not sacrificed when the Tuscania was torpedoed by the ruthless German assassins of the high seas; that the casualties of the first outward-bound transport struck by the assassins was less than 8 per cent. It is unquestionably the purpose of the German autocracy to stealthily and sneakily destroy as many transports freighted with soldiers as will be possible for them to strike. It is to be expected that more transports carrying American troops to France will meet disaster. The effective watchfulness of convoys must be increased to keep down the German submarine murders to the lowest possible number. The victims of the Tuscania gave up their lives in the prosecution of a noble and heroic purpose, and let it be fervently hoped that their lives have not been sacrificed in vain. The United States is at war with a powerful foe; a military power devoid of conscience and honor; a deadly menace to all that makes life worth living; a monster without pity or remorse; a monster deaf to the cries and agonies of helpless women and children; a military power directed by a crazy man imagining himself to be in partnership with God! Watch unceasingly autocracy's assassins on the high seas!

PRESIDENT WILSON, with conciseness, clearness, and force, advises the military autocracy, aiming to conquer the world, that the United States will only accept peace terms based upon equal justice and the positive assurance of permanent peace, not transient peace in spots. The powers, outside of Germany, are rapidly coming to take this horizontal view of the world war situation. The German people may also incline to the same view and begin to ask themselves what they are fighting for, except to save a conscienceless autocracy from deserved destruction. Count von Hertling is getting more than he bargained for in President Wilson's address to Congress, every word of which is doubtlessly endorsed by all true (not false) American citizens. The United States is engaged in a contest for Justice and Human Liberty, and the Allies are going to win!

BROTHER SPATZ, of the Boyertown Democrat, aspires to a seat in Congress, and he deserves the hearty support of the Democrats of the Berks-Lehigh district—because he has the qualifications of a good Congressman, because he has for years performed valiant service for the Democratic party, because he is an American patriot from the roots of his hair to the soles of his feet, notwithstanding German ancestry at close range; because he is a live wire among his fellow-men in advocating good government and a potent influence on the constructive side of human affairs, and—because the nomination this time belongs to Berks county. Brother Spatz richly deserves the honor he seeks, and the thousands of red-blooded and fair-minded Democrats of Berks and Lehigh counties should unhesitatingly rally to his support and land him a winner.

BROTHER MEREDITH, of the Quakertown Free Press, anticipates in this interesting fashion:

Got any pins, comrades? If so, stick one in the calendar dated 1925. For in that year Editor Moser will be entitled to celebrate 50 years' service to his community as founder and proprietor of the Collegeville Independent. Something handsome should be arranged for in commemoration.

Only seven more years! And in the interim there can be opportunity for several Sacred Spring Fights between he and Editor-Reverend Lutz, at present of Pennsburg, Pa.

Brother Meredith is thoughtful and full of kindness. The editor indulges the hope that he will be able to greet Meredith, Lutz, Spatz and all the other boys of the Press League, and others of the craft, in 1925—and in 1935, too!

THE recurrence, Tuesday, of the anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, once more invited attention to the fundamentals of human liberty, to government of, for, and by the people themselves, not of, for, and by autocrats. The saving of the Union, the preservation of its solidarity, were wrought by the sacrifice of blood. And now the halting of German autocracy is exacting a similar and greater sacrifice. How much longer must Justice and Liberty depend upon the destruction of human life and all the horrors and miseries of war? When will Reason and Justice take the place of slaughter? When will the lunatics who claim partnership with God cease to control great masses of people?

In a letter to Illinois farmers President Wilson says: I dare say that you are aware that the farmers of this country are as efficient as any other farmers in the world. They do not produce more per acre than the farmers in Europe. It is not necessary that they should do so. It would perhaps be bad economy for them to attempt it. But they do produce by two to three or four times more per man, per unit of labor and capital, than the farmers of any European country. They are more alert and use more labor-saving devices than any other farmers in the world. And their response to the demands of the present emergency has been in every way remarkable.

The President is doubtlessly correct in his statements, though the facts he refers to have not, it is safe to say, been generally recognized. In some foreign countries intensive farming, on small tracts of land, is a necessity. It has not as yet become so much in the United States.

THE expected, not the unexpected, has happened, this time. Practically, Russia is now out of the world conflict. The German intriguers have, for the present at least, won a point that will be of more or less advantage to the German military forces, since it will be no longer necessary to maintain soldiers along Russian fronts. What Russia is to gain, ultimately, by submitting to peace terms, the future alone can determine. The effect of the conflict will stimulate and hasten the military operations of the Allies. Germany will not win because Russia has fallen.

In a Berlin paper General von Liebert writes that the western front is occupied by the latest classes of recruits—the youngest boys who can be utilized in the army. He makes this significant statement: "Every German soldier now is certain that an end must be made in 1918." That is about what the Allies are thinking. It is not believed that Germany can hold out through another winter. The military operations of the spring and summer are likely to sustain the certainty of the German soldiers. Of course it does not follow that the results of such operations will sustain German autocracy. That's another consideration.

THE news of Colonel Roosevelt's serious illness, last week, was received with much regret and solicitude throughout the country. Now, that he is on the way to recovery, the country will rejoice. Whatever the Colonel's hasty and exasperating observations, at times, he is nevertheless a great American citizen.

THE Memphis Commercial Appeal is right in its observation that "the German-born pro-German is understandable, but the American-born pro-German passes the comprehension of the highest intelligence."

CHEESE DIET IS WHOLESOME.

Too many people use cheese merely as an appetizer, says the Scientific American in commenting on a recent bulletin of the United States department of agriculture. According to this bulletin and to the universal practice in the great cheese-producing countries of Europe, cheese is one of the most valuable of foods and most satisfactory substitute for meat.

A pound of cheese supplies more than twice as much energy as a pound of fowl or round steak and almost twice as much protein as the same amount of fowl or ham.

Contrary to the opinion of many, cheddar or "store" cheese is not usually indigestible or constipating. Extensive digestion experiments conducted by the department have demonstrated that more than 95 per cent. of the protein in cheese is digested and that 90 per cent. of its energy is available. Even when eaten in large quantities and for long periods, no case of indigestion, constipation or other disturbance was observed in those who ate it. One person who ate cheese as the chief source of protein and energy,

eating an average of 9.27 ounces daily for more than two years, did a fair amount of muscular work and kept in good health.

ANCIENT HERB GARDENS

The herb garden is no new thing, and in the centuries gone the herb-alists were regarded as men of considerable distinction, and were in numerous instances men of considerable learning, as knowledge of the sciences was measured in those remote times. The herbalist was botanist, pharmacist and physician, raising his own herbs, making from them his own medicines and administering them to his own patients. A number of the gardens of these old herbalists are historic, a few of them have been preserved in Europe, and in more than one instance a great botanical garden has been developed out of what was once an herbalist's garden.

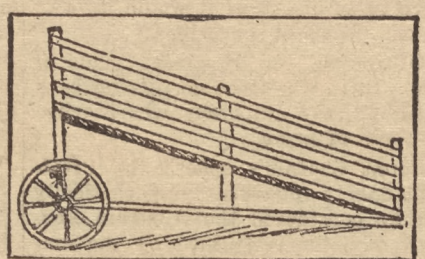
NO RIGHT TO CROW.

Bettie, who was spending a few weeks in the country, heard a rooster crowing one morning, and stamped her foot angrily, exclaiming: "Oh, you shut up; you don't lay any eggs!"

USEFUL WHEELED PIG CHUTE

Handy Loading Device Can Be Put Together by Aid of Pair of Old Mower Wheels.

Get a couple of old mower wheels or other strong wheels that will stand up under the load of the weight of a few hundred pounds of live hogs. On



Wheeled Pig Chute.

these wheels build a hog chute, such as is shown here, and you will always have a handy loading device and one that can be pulled around over the place wherever it is needed. This is better than building a permanent loading chute near the hog lots, as the permanent chute is of no use when the pens where the hogs are to be loaded. If so, the wheeled chute can be pulled over and set in place and the wagons backed into place to receive the load.

FEED FOWLS SPROUTED OATS

Enables Farmer to Reduce Grain Ration About One-Third—Influences Laying of Hens.

Giving the hens once a day all the sprouted oats they want to eat, which is about a quart, of sprouted grain and roots, enables one to reduce the grain ration about one-third and thereby effecting a saving in high-priced grain. Oat sprouts can be produced at about 20 to 25 cents per bushel, while the price of wheat is about \$2.20 per bushel. It is also remarkable that sprouted oats influence the laying of the hens. A change in this respect can be noticed within a few days after sprouted oats have been fed.

INDICATES GOOD LAYING HEN

Large Bright Red Comb Is Characteristic of Best Productive—Notice the Black Minors.

One of the characteristics of a good laying hen is a large comb. The old-timers used to say, "the bigger the comb, the better the layer," and there is a great deal of truth in it. Notice the large comb of the black Minorca, one of our very best layers, and the layer of the largest egg of any breed. Notice the large combs of the Leghorns, the best of egg-layers. Put it down as a fact, that a hen with a large comb, and a bright red comb, is a good layer.

CULL OUT UNDESIRABLE COWS

Increased Cost of Production Points Out Advisability of Weeding Out All Boarders.

With the increased cost of production this seems to be the time to weed out the boarder cows in the herd. The meat value of the dairy animal now is closer to the dairy value than ever before, and consequently it is possible to weed out the poor cows and replace them with profitable producers with less cash outlay than ever before.

Eliminates Headlight Glare.

A novel device to eliminate the glare of automobile headlights covers the front of the electric bulb and diverts the rays of the lower half so they are directed to the light thrown by the upper half of the reflector.

Not Second-Hand.

The Floor Manager—Let's see, you're a widow, aren't you? Marie of the Trimmings—Look here. I've been sellin' trimmings in this joint for fourteen years and I may look shopworn, but I ain't second-hand.

Uncle Eben's View of Life.

"Life," said Uncle Eben, "is like a trip in a flivver. If you misses de right way, the harder you travel de worse you gits lost."—Washington Star.

Culture Not Enough.

"Culture is dust and ashes if the spilled foundations are not well laid, and it takes two men and a woman to do these foundations."—Dorothy Canfield.

Gone Forever.

In the meantime, what has become of the old fashioned man who gave away all the pennies he received to children?

Some Towers.

The height of the Eiffel tower, Paris, is 986 feet; of the Blacktower, 520 feet; of New Brighton tower, 570 feet; and of the Woolworth building, New York, 750 feet.

Climbing.

You can climb no higher than Judd with your feet, but with your mind you may inherit eternity.—A Japanese Philosopher.

Cruel Enlightenment.

He—"You seem to think I couldn't make any woman happy." She—"Oh, yes, there is one; your widow."

RATS MARCH LIKE SOLDIERS.

The ready adaptability of rats to their surroundings is one of the qualities which has enabled them to conquer the world, E. W. Nelson writes in the National Geographic Magazine. On the approach of warm weather in summer large numbers of them leave buildings and resort to fields on farms or to the outskirts of the towns, where the growing vegetation, particularly cultivated plants, affords them an abundant supply until the approach of winter. At the beginning of cold weather they return again to the shelter of buildings, where they find the harvested crops ready for their consumption.

When the food supply suddenly decreases following a period of plenty during which the rats have greatly increased in numbers, a migratory impulse appears to affect the entire rat population over large areas and a general migration takes place. At such times the rats are extraordinarily bold, swimming rivers without hesitation, and surmounting all other natural obstacles. The first invasion of Europe, when rats swam the Volga, was an instance of this kind. Experiments by the United States public health service have shown that when released in the water of a harbor rats may swim ashore for a distance of 1500 yards.

AN AUTHORITATIVE OPINION.

When does the honeymoon end? is a question which has been discussed for a good many generations. It would be presumptuous, perhaps, notes the El Paso Times, for us to try to settle it, but just the same we have a strong suspicion that this little sentiment could be prolonged if she, when she hears his footfall, would go to the door and greet him, rather than skid into the kitchen to hurry up a dinner which has languished while she gossiped with the neighbor or bathed the cat.

CARE OF TELEPHONE.

The telephone is a fine receptacle for germs of every kind, and little attention is paid to sterilizing this much used machine. It should be washed out with alcohol as often as required, and to keep the dust out of it make a small round cover of soft leather or heavy cloth and stitch a broad ribbon around the edge, through which can be run a drawing string or elastic. Put this over the transmitter.

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has gone up, wages are higher and the purchasing power of the dollar is considerably less than it was even a year ago.

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Trinity Reformed Church, Collegeville, Rev. William S. Clapp, pastor. Services next Sunday as follows: Sunday School at 9 a. m. Two adult Bible classes, one for men and one for women. You are cordially invited to join one of these classes. Church at 10 a. m. Junior and Senior congregations worshipping together. Junior C. E. 1:30 p. m. Senior C. E. 8:30 p. m. Church at 7:30 p. m. Services every Sunday evening at 7:30, short sermon and good music by the choir. All most cordially invited.

Augustus Lutheran Church, Trappe, Rev. W. O. Fogarty, pastor, Sunday School at 9 o'clock; preaching at 10:15; Evening services at 7:30; Teachers' meeting on Wednesday evening.

St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe, Rev. S. L. Messinger, D. D., pastor. Sunday School at 9 a. m. Preaching at 10 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Meeting of the Junior League at 2 p. m. Meeting of the Heidelberg League at 7 p. m. Bible Study meeting on Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock. All are most cordially invited to attend the services.

Winter schedule, St. James' church, Perkasie, Norman Stockert, Rector: Communion at 10 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Evening prayer at 8 p. m.

St. Clare's Church, Roman Catholic, Mass at Collegeville every day at 8 a. m.; at Green Lane at 9:30 a. m. and at East Greenville at 10 a. m.; William A. Buesser, Rector.

Evansburg M. E. Church—Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday services at 7:30 p. m. Episcopalian Church, St. Paul's Memorial, Oaks, the Rev. C. A. Cresson, Jr., Rector. Sunday services—7:45 a. m. 9:25 a. m. 2:15 p. m. 8:30 p. m. Holy Days—9:15 a. m. and 4:15 p. m. Everybody welcome. The Rector residing in the rectory at Oaks P. O. Pa. Bell phone 5-36-J-1 gladly responds when his ministrations are desired. Send your name and address for parish paper, St. Paul's Epistle, for free distribution, freely distributed. Audubon Sunday services at Union Church 11 a. m. and also on alternate Sunday evenings including May 1, 1917, Audubon Chapel 7:45 p. m.

Methodist Brethren in Christ, Graterford, Rev. H. K. Kratz, pastor, Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

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He was the youngest son of an English clergyman, who wished him to enter the ministry and in 1820 he went to Amherst College with that purpose. Three years later he became a minister in a Presbyterian church, and while lecturing before the Pennsylvania temperance society conceived the idea that temperance could be prevented and cured by a purely vegetable diet. As he was in very delicate health himself he began the practice of this theory, which is now called "The Graham system of correct living."

He also published books in support of his theory, the most notable being "Graham lectures on science of human life" and "Bread and bread-making." In 1847, while lecturing in Boston, his address, "Bread and Bread-making," so angered bakers that they mobbed him and the

riot was only subdued when Graham's followers shoved slackline on the crowd from the windows of the lecture hall. While of a literary turn of mind, Dr. Graham's name has become more famous by being associated with unbolted flour than with literature.

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Here's to laughter, the sunshine of the soul, the happiness of the heart, the leaves of youth, the privilege of purity, the echo of the innocence, the treasure of the humble, the wealth of the poor, the head of the cup of pleasure, exclaims a writer in the New-York Herald. It dispels dejection, banishes blues and mangles melancholy, for it's the foe of woe, the destroyer of depression, the enemy of grief; it is what makes kings envy peasants, politicians envy the poor, the guilty envy the innocent; it's the sheen on the silver of smiles, the ripple on the water's delight; the glint of the gold of gladness; without it humor would be dumb, wit would wither, dimples would disappear and smiles would shrivel, for it's a glow of a clean conscience, the voice of a pure soul, the birth cry of mirth, the swan song of sadness.

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"Inventing something for you?"

"Yes—for me and the government," complacently advised Joel.

"What may it be, now?"

"A bomb."

"Shoo!—what kind of a bomb?"

"Well, I don't mind telling you. We call it the Pepper bomb. They've used all kinds of poison, shrapnel, fire bombs. The enemy's latest is the mustard bomb. We go them one better. It's my contribution to the war department. That is, if we succeed in perfecting a device that will blind an approaching army, and make the soldiers sneeze their heads off. We propose to make the service a free gift of formula and material."

It was four months later that Joel dismissed his hired inventor, and strolled the streets of his native village a proud and happy man. He might well be, for a little item in the local newspaper covering a dispatch from Washington rectified the fact that "Joel Bryson of Rossville had contributed to the government a valuable shell which had stood all tests, and which entitled him to approbation of all patriotic citizens."

"It's a thousand dollars well spent," declared Joel. "I've done my bit, and now I'm going to pitch in and hustle for the approaching election."

It was Saturday evening just previous to that interesting event, when Joel about dusk went out to the barn that had been transformed into a workshop. He carried a lantern, and his thought was to gather up what was left of the powder used in the manufacture of the pepper bombs and set it off with a great flare in the town square to attract the people to the meeting of the Regulars.

Joel set the lantern down carelessly, never noting until too late that it had overturned. There was a blinding glare, a crash of breaking timbers, some flying object struck his head, and he knew no more. It was fortunate that three of his political adherents reached the house just as the explosion occurred. Prostrate and senseless, Joel was the center of great shooting masses of flame. He was singed in face and hands, his clothing was on fire in a dozen places. They hurried him to the hospital, and there for a week he lay, mostly unconscious.

Slowly, under more excellent care than he realized, Joel Bryson came back to sensibility and reason. He listened, averted, to the narrative of his peril and rescue. Then his hand happened to go up to his face.

"Why," he exclaimed with a great start, "my beard!"

"Burned off in the explosion; hair, too."

"H'm! Well, I shall have to let it grow again."

"No you won't," grinned the attendant.

"Why not?"

"The Regulars won the election."

"Glory!" fairly shouted Joel, weak as he was.

"Better than that. John Wilson, the candidate for village president, in recognition of your services to the government and his latest misfortune, has named you for the election."

"I wonder," said Joel, after deep thought, "what Edith will say now?"

"You mean Miss Harper?" murmured the clever attendant. "She has been here every day to see you. In fact, she is now in the waiting room. Do you wish to see her, sir?"

"Do I wish—to see—her?" gasped Joel in a delicious state of longing. "Oh, Edith!"

She seemed to float into the room, an ethereal angel of mercy and compassion. She was kneeling by his side, crying with joy.

"Edith, have you changed your mind?" he asked softly.

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The illustrations are endless of the fact that there are not labor and materials enough to produce the things that the people want and the things that the government wants. There are two ways of helping solve the problem. One is to speed up production and industry. The other is to cut down unnecessary consumption. By the latter method every one can put himself in an effective way in a front trench.

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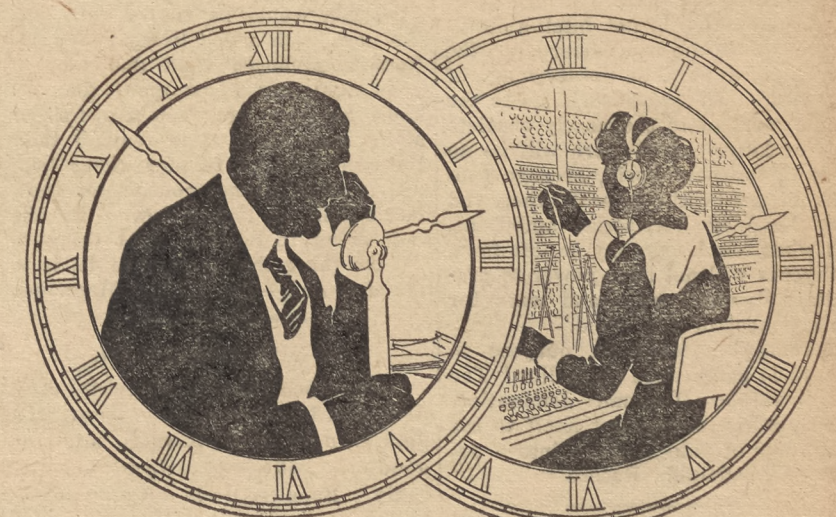
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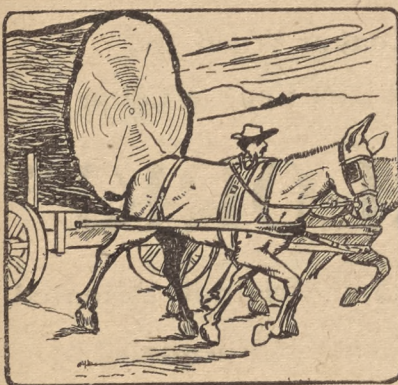
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Use the end of a year, Edith hoped that at the new election the favorite party of her lover might win the contest, and her erratic fiancé be restored to normal. Alas the Regulars were beaten three to one this time. Then came the climax, and her toleration of a year terminated in the final banishment of Joel from her company and her thoughts. At least so Edith informed her friends, but she did not as yet tell them of sleepless nights and tearful days. "You are beginning to look like a wild man," Joel's best friend told him, but Joel simply held his lips firm, and a certain grimace of heroism came into his set, resolute face.

"I'll keep my pledge, if I never have again!" he said obstinately. "Maybe the Regulars may hit it next election. I'm going to continue to campaign for them. The war has come along, and I am injecting a patriotic phase into the local political struggle ahead of the other side, and it's going to help us wonderfully."

To mitigate her longing for the spurned love of Joel, Miss Harper devoted herself assiduously to knitting for the boys at the front and aligned herself with all the patriotic movements in which the feminine part of Rossville was interested. She saw Joel rarely, and then at a distance. She felt drawn closer to him, however, when she learned that he was devoting his time and money to encouraging enlistment and to providing for those who rallied for the cause. The patriotic feature, too, brought Joel into the arena in a new way, and the women's clubs were ardent in working towards an ovation for the Regulars at the next election.

"I see you—that is, our Mr. Bryson, is participating in the spirit of the times in a practical way," a lady friend observed to Edith one day.

"Indeed?" murmured Edith, and somewhat distantly.

"Yes, he has turned the old barn on his place into a sort of laboratory, and they say he is making some kind

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